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A Continuation of the Letter *concerning the* Philoſopher's Prayer *in the* 118*th* BEE.

IT *is*, ſay they, p. 513. *a melancholy reflection to conſider that*, &c. I ſhould have ſaid, *it is a melancholy reflection, that*, &c. without *to conſider*. As it ſtands, 'tis as much as to ſay, *a conſideration to conſider*. Such is the *accurate ſtile* of theſe Philoſophers. —— *That among all the numberleſs religions — there is but one that can poſſibly be true*; and every one *may poſſibly be erroneous*. An *Infidel* may be as *melancholy* as he pleaſes upon this ſubject; but *believers* can *demonſtrate*, and have actually demonſtrated from the moſt certain and undeniable FACTS, that the *Chriſtian religion*, as contained in the *Holy Scriptures*, is *infallibly true*, and cannot *poſſibly be erroneous*. — *The following prayer was compos'd by a gentleman who ſeems to have doubted about ſeveral* points of religion; *or, as ſome people term them*, Articles of faith. By *ſome people* we are to underſtand *all Chriſtians*. And why ſhould they not call thoſe points *Articles of faith?* They *believe them*, and ſo they are articles of faith to *them*. Can't an Infidel bear the ſound of the word *faith?* But the gentleman, it ſeems, was *doubtful* about *ſeveral* points called *Articles of faith*. Why, he, and the reſt of ſuch creatures, as the Bee-writers, *reject all* articles of faith; they do not *doubt* about *any*. They *pretend* ſo at leaſt. Becauſe, 'tis plain from the whole tenor of their *Mock-prayer*, that they deny all *revealed religion*. —— *But yet who appears to have had the higheſt notions of the* EXCELLENCE *of a* SUPREAM BEING, *and of the* IMMENSE DISTANCE *between ſuch a Being, and himſelf*. —— *He thought moſt of the Forms he had ſeen did not ſufficiently expreſs that* INFINITE SUBMISSION, *and* RESPECT *with which men ought to approach the Deity*. —— *Such petitions as a wretched creature ought to lay before the Creator of the univerſe*. —— *That in moſt of our prayers we are ſomewhat* TOO FAMILIAR *with the Deity*. —— *We ought to ſay little more to him, than to acknowledge his power, and to implore his mercy*. As if *Chriſtianity* did not give us as *grand ideas* of *God*, and the *infinite diſtance* between him, and his creatures, as *Infidelity* can furniſh us with. As if the Scriptures of the Old and New Teſtament, the Liturgy of the Church of England, chiefly taken from the Scriptures, and other prayers, compoſed by learned and devout Chriſtians, did not convey to our minds, as awful ſentiments concerning the excellence, perfections, and adorable majeſty of the * HIGH AND LOFTY ONE THAT INHABITETH ETERNITY; as the crude ungodly trumpery of theſe *wretches*, whoſe pretended *Deism* will be found at laſt to reſolve into downright *Atheism*. I appeal to all reaſonable perſons, whether this *grave impudence* be not perfectly *comical*; and whether any thing in nature, or rather *out* of nature, can be more ridiculous. We muſt lay aſide the *Bible*, it ſeems, and go to ſchool to TINDAL, and his diſciples, that we may learn *due ſubmiſſion*, and *reſpect* to the *Deity*. But would you know the meaning of all this grimace? As Chriſtianity fills us with the profoundeſt reverence of the Supreme Being on the one had; ſo it not only permits, but commands us to *come with boldneſs to the throne of grace*, truſting in the infinite merits, and mediation of JESUS CHRIST our High-prieſt, on the other. Now this, tho' matter of the greateſt comfort to all penitent ſinners, and even to all who do but reſolve, and intend to repent, is no comfort at all to theſe miſcreants, who are impenitent, reſolve always to continue ſo, or utterly deſpair (and, I fear, with too much reaſon) of the poſſibility of their being pardoned. Should they allow of *ſuch* an application or addreſs to the Divine Majeſty, they muſt of courſe admit the truth of the Chriſtian religion; and then they could not ſo conveniently keep three or four whores (nor one neither) could not ſo well indulge themſelves in fornication, adultery, forgery, and all manner of vice and wickedneſs. 'Twas *whoring* that made TINDAL an *Atheiſt*: he WOULD *whore*; but did not CARE TO THINK of being *damn'd*. Their being *vicious*, is the only reaſon why theſe miſerable men labour (tho' in vain) to perſuade themſelves that there is no *Chriſtianity*, and no *God*. And ſo we have a PHILOSOPHER's, that is, a *Deiſt's*, that is (in truth, however it may ſound) an *Atheiſt's* Prayer; excluſive of Chriſt and Chriſtianity, and all revealed religion; and ſo calculated, as to make a perfect jeſt even of the notion of a Deity. The reader ſhall have it at large.

* Iſai. lvii. 15.

A PHILOSOPHER'S PRAYER.

'O firſt mover! O cauſe of cauſes! O thou omnipotent omniſcient incomprehenſible Being whom men call GOD! If thou vouchſafeſt to regard the thoughts, the words, or the actions of *man*, if it be not criminal in ſo wretched an animal even to proſtrate himſelf before thee, if the moſt humble, the moſt ardent prayer that my heart can form, or my tongue can utter, be not an affront to thee, hear me, O Almighty Being! and have mercy, have mercy, have mercy upon me!

'I find myſelf placed by thy providence on a ſpeck of the univerſe, where I daily ſee many of my own ſpecies, who value themſelves upon what they call *reaſon*, paying ſuch a ſort of *worſhip* to thee, as in my own opinion is altogether unworthy of thee: I am told by ſome of theſe that I ought to *believe* ſuch things concerning thee, as I cannot as I dare not give my aſſent to. If thou regardeſt the thoughts of men's hearts, thou ſeeſt, thou knoweſt, O Almighty Being! that the reaſon why I neither can or dare to *believe* ſuch things as men report of thee, is becauſe moſt of thoſe things appear to me to be nothing elſe but the *inventions of human pride*, and ſo to be utterly unworthy of thy greatneſs, thy wiſdom, and infinite perfection.

'If I durſt, I would make this humble petition to thee; namely, that if any of my *actions* can poſſibly *pleaſe* or *diſpleaſe* thee, thou wouldſt vouchſafe to ſhew me clearly and plainly, what is really and truly thy *will?* But what am I, that I ſhould preſume to make ſuch a requeſt to thee? How dare I either hope or ask to be thus highly favoured above the reſt of mankind? I will endeavour to avoid offending thee, and to reſt contented in that ſtate of doubts, of darkneſs, and of ignorance, wherein it has pleaſed thee to place that *ſpecies* to which I belong.

'Since I cannot diſtinguiſh *good* from *evil*, and am even ignorant of what things are moſt proper for me, I dare not preſume to make any *particular requeſt* to thee: *all I have the confidence to do*, is thus humbly to proſtrate myſelf before thee, to acknowledge thy *power*, admire thy *wiſdom*, implore thy *mercy*, and moſt chearfully to ſubmit myſelf to thy *will*, whatever it be: diſpoſe of me, O Almighty Being! in whatever manner thou pleaſeſt; yet, O forgive! thy poor *animated* lump of *matter*, if while it acknowledges thy *power*, and adores thy *wiſdom* it likewiſe preſumes, tho' with a reſigned and ſubmiſſive heart, humbly to entreat and to implore thy *mercy*.

They (the Authors of the *Bee*) tell us, *they have reaſons to believe that the gentleman compoſed and uſed this form of prayer*. A rare form truly! And I appeal to the world, whether it be conceivable, that he who *compoſed ſuch* a Prayer, could ever *uſe any*. Or if he did, I ſuppoſe he would have *all others* ſuch *Philoſophers* as himſelf; which indeed they may eaſily be. Suppoſe then a tradeſman, or a gentlewoman, a porter, or a cook-maid, ſhould have an inclination to go to prayers; and inſtead of beginning with *Almighty and moſt merciful Father*, or the like, confeſſing particular ſins, imploring pardon and forgiveneſs, (as promiſed in the Goſpel thro' *Jeſus Chriſt*, upon true repentance) and grace to live better for the future; ſhould devoutly upon bended knees put up ſuch a philoſophical petition as this. *O firſt Mover, cauſe of cauſes — whom men call God*, &c. *I find my ſelf placed in a ſpeck of the univerſe*, &c. *Yet O forgive thy poor animated lump of matter*, &c. I deſire to know what could be more profane, or more ridiculous? But let us a little particularly examine the extraordinary piece before us.

If thou vouchſafeſt to regard the thoughts, the words, or the actions of men. —— If thou regardeſt the thoughts of men's hearts. —— If any of my actions can poſſibly either pleaſe or diſpleaſe thee. — All theſe *if*'s are ſo many implicit denials, not only of *reveal'd*, but even of *natural* religion; and make God a moſt abſurd Being, *i. e.* in truth no God at all. The antient Heathen Philoſophers, all except the *Epicureans*, and thoſe of the ſame ſtamp (who, tho' *Deiſts* in pretence, were ever deem'd *Atheiſts* in *reality*) acknowledged, and contended, that God governed the world by his providence; took notice of the actions of men; that ſome of them were pleaſing, others diſpleaſing to him; and that he rewarded the former, and puniſhed the latter. And indeed to ſay that God regards not his creatures, and eſpecially the actions of men, is full as ſenſeleſs, and more profane, than to ſay there is *no* God. For what is it, but to make him a moſt contemptible Being? Behold the difference between an *ancient Heathen*, and a *modern Heathen*, i. e. an *Apoſtate-Chriſtian*, PHILOSOPHER.

If it be not criminal in ſo wretched an animal, even to proſtrate himſelf before thee. —— Why really I don't know but it *may* be criminal for ſo *very* wretched an animal (*i.* e. an Atheiſt) ſo to proſtrate himſelf. It certainly *is* criminal to addreſs the Divine Majeſty with ſuch a nonſenſical, atheiſtical, *Anti-prayer* as this is.

That thou would'ſt vouchſafe to ſhew me clearly, and plainly what is really, and truly thy will. To reſt contented in that ſtate of doubts, darkneſs, and ignorance, in which it has pleaſed thee to place this ſpecies to which I belong: [meaning the *rational*. One would think thou didſt *not* belong to that ſpecies; by thy talking in this ſenſeleſs and *irrational* manner.] *Since I cannot diſtinguiſh good from evil, and am even ignorant of what is moſt proper for me.* —— Can any thing be more ſtupidly abſurd in the mouth of one, who has the glorious light of the Goſpel ſhining in his face; whatever pains he may take to ſhut his eyes againſt it? Has not God, in the *Bible*, ſhewn *clearly*, and *plainly* what is *really, and truly his will?* Is it not plainly his *will*, for inſtance, that men ſhould not be guilty of any fraud, nor be *whoremongers*, or *adulterers?* —— A ſtate of *doubts, darkneſs, and ignorance?* What does the illiterate wiſhing mean? If he is *reſolv'd* to *doubt*, he *muſt* doubt, I think; and HE is certainly *dark* and *ignorant* enough. But *Chriſtians*, and *men of ſenſe*, are very *clear*, and *knowing*; being inſtructed by God himſelf, who ſure is able to inſtruct them. —— *Not diſtinguiſh good from evil; nor know what is proper for thee?* Has not God in the Scriptures told thee the difference between good and evil, and what is proper for thee? The wretch all along takes it for granted that there is no ſuch thing as revealed religion; when that is the very point to be proved. But *begging the queſtion* is the uſual logick of Infidels. I tell thee once more we have proved from the plaineſt FACTS, that the Chriſtian religion is true; prove thou the contrary, if thou art able: I am ready to anſwer thee. To hear a creature, at this time of day, talk at this grave rate, as if no *revelation* of God's will were ever *proved*, or ſo much as *pretended to*, is, again, the height of *impudence*, and the very perfection of *ridicule*.

I daily ſee many of my own ſpecies, who value themſelves upon what they call reaſon. Every body knows the *Infidels* value themſelves moſt upon their pretences to *reaſon*. The Chriſtians indeed have *really* moſt reaſon; tho' they don't *value themſelves* upon it. They have abundantly proved that *reaſon* and *faith* are things very conſiſtent; nay that *faith* itſelf is one branch of *reaſon*. But why *what they call* reaſon? Is there no ſuch thing then? And do any pretend *to* it half ſo much, as thoſe who have leaſt *of* it? I mean ſuch as this writer.

I am told by ſome of theſe, that I ought to believe ſuch things concerning thee, as I cannot, as I dare not give my aſſent to. He is here telling God a ſtory about he does not know what. —— *Such things.* — I ſuppoſe, he means the *attributes* of God, particularly his *punitive*, or *vindictive juſtice*; which even the Heathens believed; and which natural, as well as revealed, religion aſſerts. —— *Becauſe moſt of thoſe things appear to me to be nothing elſe but the inventions of human pride.* Why *pride?* Where's the pride of believing that God will *puniſh* (for there's the pinch of all) will puniſh obſtinate and unrepenting offenders? Where's the *pride* of ſubmitting *our own* weak *reaſon* to *God's infinite wiſdom?* 'Tis *infidelity*, not the *faith* of a *Chriſtian*, that's founded upon PRIDE. —— *And to be utterly unworthy of thy greatneſs, thy wiſdom, and infinite perfection.* —— How God's *punitive*, or *vindictive juſtice* (for there, take notice once more, the whole matter turns) ſhould be unworthy of his GREATNESS, &c. I cannot imagine: ſo far otherwiſe, that without it, he would be moſt *deſpicable*; that is, he would be *no God*. —*I will endeavour to avoid offending thee.* —— Yes; by whoring, and forgery, and all manner of vice, and wickedneſs: as aforeſaid. —*Thy poor, animated lump of matter.* — Thou art a *poor lump of matter*, that's the truth on't; and the *moſt ſtupid* I ever yet

handled. But thou haſt ſomething in thee beſides *mere matter*, as thou wilt find to thy eternal confuſion: except thou repenteſt, if that be poſſible; as God grant it may be.

There is no AMEN at the concluſion of this Prayer; but there is *nonſenſe*; which to cloſe an Atheiſt's Prayer, may be as good as an AMEN. *It preſumes*, THO' *with a reſign'd and ſubmiſſive heart, humbly to intreat*, &c. That is, THO' *it be humble*, YET it is *humble*.

The *Bee-writers* tell us, they *are ſenſible that there are ſeveral expreſſions in this Prayer, which muſt appear* EXTREAMLY ODD AND ASTONISHING. — Extreamly ſo indeed — *To people who are in the* COMMON WAY *of thinking*: i. e. to all *Chriſtians*, and perſons of *common ſenſe*. And how is this *amazement* of theirs to be *leſſen'd?* Why, they are told that SOCRATES, the wiſeſt of mankind among the ancients, uſed to ſay; *All that I know is, that I know nothing*: and ſo we may naturally ſuppoſe, that he uſed ſuch a Prayer as this. Suppoſe he did, tho' I am confident he did not: (for SOCRATES knew better;) yet there was no *Chriſtian religion* in *his* time; and by theſe people's talk, one would think there were none in *ours*.

I am, Sir,

Your humble, &c.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Poſt.*
DJ. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
LP. *London Daily Poſt.*
G. *Daily Gazetteer.*
SJ. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Sept.* 4. Her majeſty was yeſterday pleaſed to declare her intention to remove to Hampton-court the latter end of this month, and ſtay there 'till his majeſty's return. —— When, we hear, the Court will go into mourning for the late Queen Dowager of Pruſſia; being aſſured, that according to the rule of the ceremonial, the Court can upon no account go into mourning in his majeſty's abſence. *P.* —— His majeſty is going into mourning at Hanover, as will the Court here in a fortnight. *DA.* 5. —— *Does the* P. *or* DA. *underſtand beſt* the rule of the ceremonial?

An empty houſe in Swan-alley being ſuſpected to be a receptacle for ſtolen goods, it was ſearched on ſaturday, and ſeveral things of value were found, of which an inventory was taken. —— Yeſterday a Cuſtom-houſe officer ſeiz'd 89 anchors and 31 half-anchors of brandy among the oziers and ſedge in Wandſworth creek. *DP.*

On Aug. 20 and 22 were ſummoned before ſome of his majeſty's juſtices, &c. 35 butchers of Carnaby market, and 8 butchers and 6 keepers of Geneva ſhops of S. James's market, for exerciſing their trades on the Lord's-day: ſeveral of them paid 5 s. each, and the reſt had warrants of diſtreſs granted againſt them and executed. *P. DP. DJ.*

The gentlemen of Eſſex began laſt week to make contributions, in order to raiſe a proper fund to offer a handſome reward for the perſons that will clear that county of highwaymen. *P.*

Yeſterday a gentleman's footman ran ſeven times from Cavendiſh-ſquare to the Lower-flask at Hampſtead, for a wager of 20 guineas, which he won by 15 minutes: the betts amounted to 200 l. *P.*

Yeſterday the Coroner's inqueſt ſate on the body of the Captain who died of the wounds received in a duel on monday, and brought in their verdict *Man-ſlaughter*. *DP.*

One Watſon, who uſed to go to livery ſtables and hire horſes to go a journey, and after he had rid them 10 or 12 miles, to ſell them for leſs than half the value, was on ſaturday committed to the Gatehouſe, for ſelling a horſe at Graveſend for 3 l. which was worth 7 guineas. *G.*

Married on monday, Geo. Squire, of Berkſhire, Eſq; aged 64, to Miſs Eliz. Gibſon of Briſtol aged about 20, and a fortune of 100 l. per ann. but her huſband has ſettled a jointure of 600 l. per ann. upon her. *P.* —— *6 times her* fortune, *is to make amends for his being* 3 *times as* old.

One Mary Rogers, was found yeſterday morning hanging in her garters, in Beacon-court, Southwark: ſhe was often in liquor, and before ſhe hanged herſelf, ſtrangled her child about 2 years old. *P.*

Glouceſter, Aug. 30. Laſt friday ſe'nnight, 3 men who came from Elmore in a pig's-trough boat, to ſee the execution of the malefactors, returning home in the night, the boat was overſet, and theywere all drowned. *LP. G.*

FRIDAY, *Sept.* 5. A kitchen is building in the royal gardens at Richmond, behind *Merlin's Cave*, her majeſty deſigning to dine in the ſaid cave, when ſhe comes, to divert herſelf therein. *LP.* —— The fine building in the gardens of his royal highneſs the Prince of Wales in S. James's park is finiſh'd: it conſiſts in a bagnio very curiouſly contriv'd and furniſh'd with marble, and a large ſaloon over it, adorned with pictures and ſtatues; the chair of ſtate is of red velvet, finely embroidered with gold, and with two ſtools of the ſame, coſt 500 l. *DA.*

On wedneſday the truſtees for eſtabliſhing the colony of Georgia receiv'd 30 l. the benefaction of a gentlewoman who deſired her name ſhould be conceal'd, towards building a church in Georgia; and from Mr. John Baſket, a large bible and common-prayer-book. *DA.*

Yeſterday morning about 200 lb. of tea, 200 of Eaſt-India hankerchiefs, and a parcel of Bruſſels lace, were ſeized at a gentleman's houſe near Queen's-ſquare, at Kenſington. *P.*

The right hon. the Earl of Peterborough, who was carried in a horſe-litter to Portſmouth, embarked on ſunday, tho' very ill, in order to ſail to France for the recovery of his health. *G.*

Died on monday at Boynton in Yorkſhire, after a long illneſs, the right hon. Sir Will. Strickland, Bar. one of his majeſty's moſt hon. privy council and member for Scarborough: he is ſucceeded in honour and eſtate by his eldeſt ſon, now Sir George, a minor. *DA.*

We hear from Rocheſter, that on tueſday a young gentleman drove into the river to waſh a chaiſe and horſes, with a ſervant behind: when the tide forced the chaiſe through the bridge and the horſes were drowned. *DJ.*

On wedneſday a blackſmith in Mills-ſtreet, having ſome words with his wife at an alehouſe, ſhe catch'd up a knife, and ſo near cut off his noſe, that it hung by a little more than a bit of skin; but by the immediate aſſiſtance of a ſurgeon, who ſewed it on again, it ſeems he is like to do well. *DA.* —— *Had this* Venus cut off *both her* Vulcan's horns, *ſhe had done better.*

SATURDAY, *Sept.* 6. Yeſterday her Grace the dutcheſs of Newcaſtle waited on her majeſty, for the firſt time ſince her recovery. —— As did the dutcheſs of Portland, ſince her delivery; and they were both moſt graciouſly receiv'd. *P.* —— John Jacobs of Rocheſter, Eſq; kiſſed her majeſty's hand, on his being appointed a lieutenant in the royal regiment of horſe guards blue. —— As did Mr. Will. Hatton, being appointed captain of a company in the regiment of foot commanded by general Sutton. *G.*

It is now ſaid the princeſs of Saxe-Gotha will take up her reſidence at Somerſet-houſe, neceſſary preparations being already making for her reception. —— Letters from Liſbon, ſay, that they daily expect orders for the great ſhips to return home; for that only 3d and 4th rates, &c. will winter there. *LP.*

Yeſterday at a board of Admiralty their lordſhips were pleaſed to admit ſeveral ſuperannuated ſeamen, into the penſion of Greenwich hoſpital. *DJ.*

Married laſt thurſday James Burnley of Lancaſter, to the relict of the late John Hillington, Eſq; ſhe is a very accompliſh'd lady, with a fortune of 15,000 l. *P.* —— At Weybridge, Sam. Lynn of Buckinghamſhire, Eſq; to Miſs Smith; a beautiful young lady with a fortune of 7000 l. *DP.* —— At S. Ann's church Soho, Jonathan Bryan of Hertfordſhire, Eſq; to Miſs Standiſh, a beautiful young lady with a fortune of 14,000 l. *DJ.*

Died on thurſday in Saville-ſtreet John Taylor, worth upwards of 40,000 l. *LP.* —— Yeſterday at Peterſham Mr. Serjeant Darnel, one of the judges of the Marſhalſea court in Southwark. *G.*

MONDAY, *Sep.* 8. Yeſterday the rev. Dr. Burrel preached before her Majeſty, his royal highneſs the Prince, &c. —— And her Majeſty and the Royal family took the communion by the hands of the rev. Dr. Maddox, dean of Wells, and clerk of the cloſet. *P.* —— Dr. Barnard, clerk of the cloſet. *DA. G.*

The right hon. the lord Southwell, and Sir William Stanhope, arrived here on friday from the Spa in Germany. *DA.*

The Grotto in the right hon. the lady Walpole's gardens at Cheſſea is near finiſh'd, and for the beauty and variety of the ſhells, will greatly exceed any thing of that kind in England. *DA.*

On ſaturday laſt the right hon. the Lord mayor, &c went to the borough of Southwark, and publiſh'd, with the accuſtom'd ſolemnity, Southwark-fair for 3 days. *P.* —— Yeſterday about one the Lord Mayor, &c proclaim'd the Fair. *DA.* —— *It was* publiſh'd, *I ſuppoſe, on* ſaturday, *and* proclaim'd *on* monday.

We hear that Mr. Handel is to have Operas this winter at Lincoln's-inn-fields, and is to have a fine new voice from the Pope's choir at Rome. —— And a fine woman is coming from Venice to perform at the King's theatre. *DA.* —— A fine voice *and* a fine foreign woman, *will make* no fine fools *of the* Engliſh.

Yeſterday as a ſpruce young officer was walking down Little Conſtitution-hill, coming near a perſon dreſs'd like a gentlewoman, ſhe fell down, and he very readily help'd to take her up, when ſhe was ſo dextrous as to ſteal his watch, which he ſoon miſs'd, and charged her with it: ſhe gave it him, and he deliver'd her up to the mob, who made her undergo the diſcipline of the horſe-pond in the Meuſe. *DP.*

Married a few days ſince Rich. Shepheard, Eſq; a wealthy brewer in Southwark, to Miſs Boſanquet, an agreeable lady with 10,000 l. fortune. *LP.* —— A few days ago the hon. Mr. Murray, to the lady North and Grey, relict of the late lord. *DP.* —— To Miſs Turner, a very agreeable young lady, with a handſome fortune. *LP.*

Died on ſaturday of a conſumption at Kenſington Gravel-pits, Will. Rowland, of Dorſetſhire, Eſq; *DA.* —— Yeſterday morning at Harrow on the hill, James Monſon, Eſq; *DA.*

Mr. Tho. Criſp, a haberdaſher of ſmall wares in Thames-ſtreet, was drowned going to Fulham by a country barge running foul of the boat. *P.* —— One Gold, ſervant to Mr. Croſs, a great brewer at Mill-bank, Weſtminſter, pitch'd in a copper of boiling water, and died on ſaturday. *DP.* —— Mr. Gould, putting a basket of hops into a copper of wort, fell in, &c. *DJ.*

TUESDAY, *Sept.* 9. Yeſterday his royal highneſs the Prince, with ſeveral perſons of diſtinction, diverted himſelf at cricket, in Kenſington-gardens, it being the firſt time he ever play'd. —— Somerſet-houſe is fitting up for the reception of the Princeſs of Saxe-Gotha, till her intended marriage. *DJ.*

When the Earl of Peterborough came to Portſmouth, his lordſhip's journey had given ſuch a turn to his malady, that finding a flow of new ſpirits; he alter'd his mind of going to France; and one of his Majeſty's frigats being then in the harbour ready to ſail for Liſbon, his lordſhip embark'd therein, and ſail'd the next day, in order to ſurprize Sir John Norris, &c. with a viſit. *LP.* —— *The* DP. *of ſaturday told us*, That an expreſs the day before brought advice, that he was at the point of death, having lain ſpeechleſs ſeveral hours. *DP.*

On ſaturday night, ſeveral priſoners in Newgate endeavoured to make their eſcape. *DA* —— Biron who lies for tranſportation; Macdonald for a rape; Walters, Jones, and 2 more: they had been at work for a week to break into the Turner's yard adjoining to Newgate; but were diſcovered by Wilcox the turnkey: they afterwards being furniſh'd with ſaws of thin ſteel like the ſprings of watches, had filed their fetters ſo, that they could have ſhook them off with eaſe; they had got 2 caſes of piſtols, and were to have had 6 more next day; their intention being to ſhoot Wilcox, and every body that oppos'd them. *DP.*

Laſt week John Mac Gregory, an Iriſhman, who had for a long time begg'd at Alderſgate church-door as a cripple, was taken up by the pariſh officers, and his rollers being undone, and his falſe plaiſters taken off, he was found to be a ſound man, and was thereupon ſent as a vagrant to the London Work-houſe; ſince which the ſtewards of two of the begging Societies have been ſoliciting for his diſcharge, but to no purpoſe. *DP.*

A poor woman died laſt week at Canterbury, whoſe body being open'd, there was found a worm 12 foot long, with 6 or 700 joints. *LP.*

WEDNESDAY, *Sept.* 10. His majeſty is expected at Kenſington on ſaturday fortnight. *DA.* — He does not propoſe to move from Hanover till about Chriſtmas. *DJ. Sept.* 9. — On monday night his royal highneſs the Prince of Wales took the diverſion of Southwark-fair. *DA.* — We hear his highneſs's marriage with the Princeſs of Saxe-Gotha, will be ſolemniz'd at S. Paul's. *DJ.*

The famous Mr. Step. Duck is made houſe-keeper of her Majeſty's houſe at Kew, late lady Ayres's. *DA.* — He being about to publiſh a collection of his Poems, a ſubſcription is going forward among the nobility and quality, encourag'd by her majeſty. *LP.* —— Quality *ſtands here for* Gentry.

Edw. Stanley and Ric. Dalton, Eſqs; were lately made gentlemen of the privy chamber to his majeſty. *LP.*

Laſt night the city marſhals went to the Borough of Southwark, and put an end to the fair with great exactneſs. *P.*

Thomas winter, who was on monday laſt committed to the New Jail for a robbery, was examined before a juſtice, and he confeſſed 36 robberies on the highway; impeach'd about 20 of his accomplices, and proper warrants are granted againſt them: he acknowledg'd to be the perſon that raviſh'd a tradeſman's daughter, after having robbed her, the 22d of Auguſt laſt; he confeſſed the robbery committed on Mr. John Cuttler of Chiſwick, who died laſt friday of the wounds he received from his companions: he alſo confeſſed the ſtealing of ten horſes out of ſeveral counties, and two from Mr. Skinner, a farmer in Eſſex; and was one of the perſons, who barbarouſly raviſh'd, abus'd, and robb'd the Milk-maid near

Clapham in Surry about 11 days ago. *P. DJ. DA.*

This day the ſeſſions began at Hicks's-hall, and to-morrow at the Old-baily. *G.*

Married laſt week Mr. Deth Wick, an eminent proctor of Doctors-commons, about 70 years of age, to an agreeable young lady aged 22. *P.* —— A young woman who lived at the Mitre Coffee-houſe in Doctors-commons, aged about 23. ——— On ſunday Mr. Dethick. *LP.*

Died on monday of an apoplectick fit at Brompton, George Rollings of Kidderminſter in the county of Worceſter, Eſq; *P. DP. DJ.* ——— Laſt night, in Pall-mall, Owen Allen, Eſq; who had a very plentiful eſtate in Ireland. *DP.* ——— At Kenſington Gravel-pits, Mr. James Allin, worth 10,000 l. *G.*

Yeſterday morning Mr. Adam Milburne, one of his majeſty's hunting grooms, was found dead in Buſhy-park, ſuppos'd to have received a fall from his horſe, and to have been kicked, one of his eyes was beat quite out of his head, and part of his brain came out at the other. *LP.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

A FRAGMENT *of* ANACREON.

The little God of love I found,
Weaving roſes on the ground,
And in a cup of wine I drown'd,
The urching quaking;

I took a draught and drunk him down,
But quickly in my heart I found,
Him fanning with his wings a wound
Of his own making.

GRUBAEUS SCRIBLERUS.

We have received a letter concerning the Surgeons feaſt, but it is too long to be inſerted.

Dublin, Sept. 2. On monday the 25th, the rev. Dr. Swift, with a young gentleman his relation, went to ride on the Strand, which he often doth for his health: as they were got near the Warren-houſe, two perſons ſtood on the ſea ſide with guns, juſt ready charg'd to ſhoot at ſome ſea larks; the Dean advancing firſt, as he paſſed by the ſaid men, perceiving their guns charged, and the owners going to ſhoot, ſaid thus, *Gentlemen, my life and limbs are of more value than any bird you can kill here; therefore I deſire you will not ſhoot, at leaſt for one minute, till I and my companion are out of danger, by the ſtarting of the horſes:* notwithſtanding this requeſt, the Dean was not gone ten yards before one of them diſcharg'd his gun, at which the horſes were ſo affrighted, that they narrowly failed to caſt both him and his friend. The Dean's ſervant told his maſter, that the perſon who made the ſhot, was one —— Butler, a clergyman, who keeps a ſchool in Dick-ſtreet near Great Butter-lane. *P. LP.* 9.

On monday died at his ſeat in Cork, the right rev. Dr. Brown, lord biſhop of Cork. He was a gentleman remarkable for his piety, charity, and great learning. His lordſhip was formerly provoſt of our univerſity, which great truſt he diſcharg'd to the general ſatisfaction of our whole kingdom. In April, 1710, he was conſecrated biſhop of Cork and Roſs. *P. G.* 9. —— And was author of the *Procedure of Human Underſtanding*, *Divine Analogy*, and ſeveral other excellent treatiſes. *LP.* 9.

We have received the following account of the execution of a criminal, at Cavan, the laſt aſſizes, which, by reaſon of its ſingularity, we think fit to communicate to the publick. ——— One Makkin condemn'd for cow-ſtealing, at Cavan, gave publick notice, the day before his execution, that it would be worth people's while to come ten miles to ſee him at the gallows, and to hear what he had to ſay; which occaſioned a vaſt reſort of people. ——— Upon his mounting the ladder, he turned to each hand, and viewing the gallows, ſaid, *Hah! Am I come to you at laſt?* And then turning to the people, *Pray gentlemen, do not crowd one another, the fartheſt off ſhall hear me as plain as the neareſt.* Then he begun, *Gentlemen, I have been guilty of every crime except that of murder*; here he was interrupted by a perſon from the crowd; *Pray Mr.* Makkin, *do you know any thing of my grey mare? Suppoſe I did*, ſays he, *Will you pay for one maſs for my ſoul? I will by* G—, ſays the fellow, *for ſeven. Promiſe me again*, ſaid Makkin, which the other did, by repeating the ſame words. *Why then*, ſaid he, laughing, *I know nothing at all of your mare.* Another advances, *Pray Mr.* Makkin *do you know any thing of my heifer! Yes*, ſaid he. *Pray what is become of her? I took her to* Middleton, ſaid Makkin, *I knock'd her in the head, I flea'd her, I ſold the ſkin, the beef was very good, I ſold it at a very good rate, and I put the money in my pocket.* After this he proceeded; *Gentlemen, as little as you think, I ſtole half a dozen weathers near this town, and drove them thro' the midſt of it.* One from the crowd asked him, *Whether any of the Biſhop of* Killmore's *ſheep was amongſt them. Yes*, ſaid he, *and they were the beſt mutton I ever handled.* Then he turned to the people; *Pray gentlemen, are any of you acquainted with that pretty gentleman that overſees the building of our new jail?* One among them anſwer'd, *You mean Mr.* Leppington, *I ſuppoſe.—No, no, a prettier fellow than he.* — *Mr.* Boyle? — *Ay, ay, Mr.* Boyle: *Pray preſent my humble ſervice to him, and tell him, I beg he will give me this night's lodging, it is the laſt I ſhall trouble him for.* Then turning to the ſheriff, he ſaid, Mr. *Sheriff, will you give me leave to ſtep down and p—.* No, Sir, ſaid he, I cannot grant you that favour. *Well*, ſaid Makkin, *I am ſure of going to heaven, for the prieſt gave me abſolution yeſterday.* Upon which he was turn'd off, bidding the ſheriff farewell. —— The criminal's mother, above ſeventy years old, was preſent when her ſon was cut down, ſhe went to Dr. Sheridan's houſe, to beg towards a wind-ind ſheet for her ſon: ſome perſons there contributed among them, as much as was proper on this occaſion. It was deliver'd to the old woman by a young gentleman. She was ſo elated at her ſucceſs, that, after giving her thanks and bleſſing, ſhe ſaid, *My poor* Jonney *always had good luck.* P. LP. G. 9.

Letters from New-England adviſe, that on the 21ſt of July at night, a fire broke out at the houſe of Mr. Johnſon in Connecticut, and conſum'd the ſame. Mr. Johnſon was abroad, but his wife and children in bed; and being wak'd by the fire, Mrs. Johnſon ruſh'd into the room where the children lay, and in her fright threw them out of the window, which was a great height, but they receiv'd no hurt; after which, endeavouring to get herſelf out, a horn of gunpowder which hung over the window took fire, and blew her back into the room, where ſhe was conſum'd in the flames, no part of her being found the next day. *DA.* 9.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Sept.* 4. The Porte has refuſed to receive the credentials of M. Stadnicki, as ambaſſador from the King and Republick of Poland: he was ſent immediately after the election of K. Staniſlaus, but afterwards acknowledg'd Auguſtus: there is a report, that he was put under an arreſt. *DP. DA.* —— It is currently reported. *DJ.*

The King's departure from Hanover is fix'd to Oct. 1, or 2. *DP.*

They write from Leghorn, that there had been an earthquake in Cyprus, which had almoſt totally overturn'd it's three principal towns, Nicoſia, Famagoſta, and Cerina. *DA.*

FRIDAY, *Sept.* 5. His highneſs Ferdinand-Albert, Duke of Brunſwick-Wolfenbuttle, who ſucceeded about 6 months ago his father-in-law, was ſeiz'd the 3d inſt. with the cholick at his pleaſure-houſe at Salzdahl, as he ſate at ſupper, and died in a few hours. *DA.*

We have the following ſhort letter from Naples, *dated* Aug. 16. —— 'The man of war which the grand maſ-'ter of Malta made a preſent of to the king, is a firſt 'rate, and his Majeſty immediately order'd her to be 'equipp'd and ſent to the Ionian ſea to protect the mer-'chant ſhips belonging to this kingdom, and cruize on 'the Corſairs from Barbary'. When Don Carlos gets more ſhips, we don't doubt but he will make a ſmart uſe of them, ſince with the few he has, he takes ſuch care of the trade of his new acquiſitions; this, indeed, is the moſt effectual way to endear him to the people; the letter goes on, 'By a liſt taken of all the artillery 'ſent from this kingdom and Sicily, for Lombardy, it 'amounts to near 300 pieces of cannon. A reſolution 'has been taken to repair and augment the fortifications 'of all the ſea-ports of this kingdom.' By this reſolu-'tion one would imagine, that Don Carlos is apprehenſive that the intereſt of Great Britain may poſſibly procure him a viſit from our fleet next ſpring, if the Emperor can force his way once again into Italy. *DP.*

SATURDAY, *Sept.* 6. 'Tis aſſured from Cologn, That the French are ſo far from ſtanding a battle, that they are reſolved to retire under the cannon of Landau. *DJ.*

Manheim, Aug. 31. The Hanoverians, Pruſſians, Saxons, and Heſſians, to the number of 40,000, have paſſed the Rhine. *LP.*

The laſt advices from Vienna import, that the Emperor had juſt received a Letter from the Elector of Bavaria, aſſuring him anew of the moſt inviolable fidelity. *DA.*

Hague, Sept. 9. N. S. All that has been given out, of the accommodation of the Elector of Bavaria, and that that Prince had conſented and given his orders for the march of his contingent to the army of the Empire, was without foundation. We are told, that all the ground there was for a report of that kind, was the readineſs with which his Electoral Highneſs granted, though againſt the grain, paſſage for the Ruſſian troops through his territories. The affairs of that Prince, with regard to the Court of Vienna, are ſtill in the ſame ſituation; nor is it likely that he will come to any reſolution, till he ſees the ſucceſs of Prince Eugene's deſigns, and the train of the general negotiations. *P.*

MONDAY, *Sept.* 8. Mirandola ſurrendered on the 30th paſt. *P. DP. DJ. LP.* ——— Priſoners of war. *DA.*

We are informed from Koningsberg, that King Staniſlaus has received an expreſs, with news, that the Tartars had invaded the Ruſſian territories, and taken a great number of priſoners, whom they have ſent into ſlavery. *DP. DJ.*

The Imperialiſts ſeem ſtill preparing (though ſlowly) for ſome grand deſign. *DA.* ——— They ordered a detachment to croſs the Rhine at Mentz, who kept under the cannon of that place, and did not appear to have any great deſign in view this campaign. *LP.*

TUESDAY, *Sept.* 9. The letters from the Rhine mention, that there has been ſo great a deſertion amongſt the French troops, that marſhal Coigny having caught 40 in the fact, cauſed them to be roaſted alive in the Face of the whole army, for a terror to the reſt. 'Tis added, that this execution, tho' the number ſounds terrible, is looked upon as inconſiderable, and that marſhal Berwich, about two years ago, hung up no leſs than 200 at one time. *DA.* ——— *According to ſome of my brethren, theſe* deſerters *were only* broken on the wheel; *and therefore my* brother the tranſlator *deſerves to be* roaſted alive *in a figurative ſenſe.*

WEDNESDAY, *Sept.* 10. They write from Bruſſels, that 4000 Germans were to have winter-quarters in the Netherlands. *DA.*

They write from Madrid, that the Spaniſh fleet now riding in the bay of Cadiz, conſiſts of twenty ſhips of the line; that they wait for five more from Galicia; and that the French ſquadron was every day expected there from Thoulon to join them: the departure of the flotilla has been ſuſpended all on a ſudden, and it is not yet known when that affair will be decided: we hear further that an advice-boat has been ſent from Cadiz, to go and meet the two ſhips laden with money, one from Vera Crux, and the other from Carthagena, with orders not to continue their voyage, but to put in at the Havanna and ſtay there untill they ſhall receive contrary inſtructions. ——— The government of Naples obſerving what reluctance people uſed to fine equipages and liveries had to conform themſelves to the regulations made againſt luxury, the royal council have ordered, 'that all perſons in 'the caſe of thoſe regulations and diſobey them, ſhall 'not only forfeit their equipages, but likewiſe ſuffer ſix 'months impriſonment; and that beſides, all domeſticks 'clad in liveries contrary to the reform, ſhall ſuffer the 'ſtrapade three ſeveral times, for obeying the orders of 'their maſters before thoſe of their King —— Our correſpondent at Paris ſays, that by the augmentation of the 80,000 men which they are going to make to the French King's troops, they deſign to add ten men to each troop of horſe and dragoons; that each regiment is to conſiſt of 3 ſquadrons; and that the reſt of the 80,000 men is to augment the foot. —There is a whiſper of ſome negotiation on foot, or rather concluded, between France and another certain power, which, if it be true, will make ſome politicians look about them, or at leaſt one kingdom in the world will have ſufficient reaſon to do ſo, tho' perhaps it may be too late. Whatever is the matter, Prince Eugene has orders to repair to Vienna, and is to ſet out from the army the 24th inſtant, N. S. which is next ſaturday. *DP.*

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